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Tyonek Native Corporation would support a Western Susitna Road Access funding and construction. This project would connect the existing Beluga Road system with the Mat-Su road system with about 25 miles of new road alignment and a bridge across the Susitna River.

There is currently about \$20 Billion of planned development projects in Western Cook Inlet that will greatly benefit from connection to the existing road system. The communities of Beluga and Tyonek, and the residents of 14 state open-to-entry subdivisions west of the Susitna River – now accessible only by air - will benefit from a road connection providing all-weather access to medical facilities, lower fuel prices and urban shopping convenience.

We will work with DOT/PF Planning to get this project included in future Statewide Transportation Improvement Plans.

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